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THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES, KEYED TO QUESTIONS IN PARA TWO REFTEL, ARE PROVIDED CONCERNING DEFENSE OF AMERICANS ARRESTED IN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA:

A. PUBLIC DEFENDERS ARE PROVIDED TO ARRESTED INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT RESPECT TO NATIONALITY BUT ONLY IN THOSE CASES IN WHICH THE MINIMUM POSSIBLE SENTENCE WHICH COULD BE IMPOSED IS THREE YEARS OR MORE.

B. YES.

C. THE QUALITY OF PUBLIC DEFENDERS IN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN CASES WHICH HAVE COME TO THE EMBASSY'S ATTENTION IN RECENT YEARS IS NOT REPEAT NOT GOOD. ARRESTED AMERICANS ARE ADVISED BY THE EMBASSY TO RETAIN PRIVATE COUNSEL IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. UNGER

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